

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

**Whereas**, Ruth Melton Harrison, a resident of Piedmont, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on November 8, 2003, at the Masonic Hall; and

**Whereas**, on November 7, 1903, in Nashville, Tennessee, God brought a special gift to Charles and Nova (Carter) Melton with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Ruth, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

**Whereas**, while celebrating her birthday, Ruth Harrison will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life, such as her marriage to Rolla Harrison; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife and exemplary homemaker, Ruth Harrison further distinguished herself as an election judge and a third grade teacher in Greeley, Colorado, and at Piedmont Elementary School in Piedmont, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, a member of the First Baptist Church for ninety-five years, Ruth Harrison is known for her keen interest in her family, friends, community, and country; and

**Whereas**, at the respectful age of 100, Ruth Harrison is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Ruth Harrison at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Ruth Melton Harrison, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Rod Jetton  
Speaker Pro Tem  
District No. 156

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4570, adopted November 4, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker